

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Jack
4 Kiesgen on the occasion of his retirement as the Grant
5 Township Highway Commissioner after 41 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Kiesgen has served as the Highway
7 Commissioner for 24 years and has been a lifelong resident of
8 Grant Township; under his leadership, the Highway Department
9 has striven to meet the growing needs of the community with
10 the maintenance of streets and roads; the Highway Department
11 is actively working on the construction and maintenance of 57
12 miles of township roads; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Kiesgen is known to never waste an
14 opportunity to inform employees of their value to the
15 department; his staff is responsible for the following
16 duties: winter snow and ice control; removal of the winter's
17 leftover sand; spring road repairs due to winter; resurfacing
18 and rebuilding roads, curbs, and gutters; maintenance and
19 replacement of drainage and storm sewers as well as culverts
20 to assure proper drainage and prevent right-of-way flooding;
21 tree trimming and removal; roadside mowing; roadside trash
22 pick-up; the care of approximately 500 street lights and
23 stringent maintenance of traffic signs; brush pick-up;
24 assistance in many ways for families involved in flooding and
25 storms with sand bagging, pumps, and debris clean-up; and
26 Adopt-A-Highway programs; and

27 WHEREAS, During Mr. Kiesgen's tenure, there has been
28 excellent intergovernmental cooperation with the
29 municipalities in and around the township boundaries, as well
30 as with State and local Department of Transportation and
31 State and local representatives; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Kiesgen has served his area in many ways,

1 including: as a Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department, retired;
2 as a Republican Precinct Committeeman, for which he is
3 beginning his ninth term; as a past chair of the Grant
4 Township Republican Precinct Committeemen for 6 years; as a
5 member of the American Legion Post Number 703 for 36 years;
6 as a charter member of the Fox Lake Lions Club; as a member
7 of the Township Officials of Illinois; as a member of the
8 Lake County Township Officials Association; as a past
9 president of the Lake County Highway Commission Association
10 for 10 years; as a member of the National Athletic Club for
11 23 years and a board member for 4 years; as a member of the
12 Fox Lake Moose Club; as a member of the Ducks Unlimited
13 Committee for 9 years; as an honorary member of Korpan's
14 Landing Yacht Club; as a Fox Lake Village Trustee for 7
15 years; as Chairman of Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks for Fox
16 Lake Village; as an active member of the Fox Lake Police
17 Pension Board for 22 years; and as an active participant with
18 township subdivision associations; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Kiesgen is known for his motto "You drive on
20 my record everyday"; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we congratulate Jack Kiesgen on the occasion of his
24 retirement as Highway Commissioner for Grant Township after
25 41 years of service with the department; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Mr. Kiesgen as an expression of our respect and
28 esteem and with many wishes for a relaxing retirement.